



Aquatic Invasive Species NEWSLETTER

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Watercraft Inspections Open State-wide

June 26, 2018

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks and our partners are operating more than 40 watercraft inspection stations across the state. We've inspected more than 24,000 motorized and non-motorized watercraft so far this season. To learn more about Montana's Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) program or to find a watercraft inspection station, go to www.CleanDrainDryMT.com

Watercraft inspection stations are operated by:

- [Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks](#)
- [Blackfeet Tribe](#)
- [Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes](#)
- [Glacier National Park](#)
- [Missoula County](#)
- [Whitefish Lake Institute](#)
- [Yellowstone National Park](#)

BOATERS ■ ANGLERS ■ WATER USERS

CLEAN. DRAIN. DRY.



Watercraft inspection required if you:

- Encounter an open inspection station.
- Come into Montana from out-of-state.
- Travel west over the Continental Divide.
- Travel into the Flathead River Basin.
- Come off Tiber or Canyon Ferry Reservoirs

**HELP STOP THE SPREAD
OF INVASIVE SPECIES**

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The best way to stop AIS from spreading is to clean, drain and dry your watercraft, fishing gear, or anything that can be moved from one waterbody to another like irrigation, construction or fire suppression equipment. Help share the message.

- Link to CleanDrainDryMT.com
- Like us on Facebook: [Protect Our Waters Montana](#)
- Use the Clean-Drain-Dry logo or Protect Our Waters logo on your website or publications.



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AIS Monitoring

In 2017, Montana's AIS monitoring staff inspected a total of 260 waterbodies across the state. No new populations of any AIS species were detected in 2017. No Dreissenid (zebra and quagga) veligers were found in any samples collected in Montana, including from Tiber Reservoir and Canyon Ferry Reservoir by either FWP or the Bureau of Reclamation. Montana utilizes a variety of techniques in monitoring for AIS populations. See the [2017 AIS Monitoring Report](#) for further details.

High water levels and flooding have hindered the monitoring crews sampling efforts this year. Monitoring staff have focused on sampling the lentic systems (lakes, ponds, reservoirs) since the lotic systems (rivers and streams) or too dangerous and turbid to sample.



Tiber Reservoir – June 11, 2018

High water levels and turbidity in the lentic systems has made sampling difficult and forced the crews to collect more shoreline samples than usual.

Workshop of Natural Resource Educators

FWP and the DNRC collaborated with the Invasive Species Action Network to host three workshops for natural resource educators and school teachers. The participants learned some simple activities to teach kids about AIS and went home with a trunk containing lesson plans and education materials.

AIS Education

Montana's AIS staff and partners are covering the state to tell others about the threat of AIS.



Blackfeet Tribe and FWP at Earth Day in Browning



PEAK students learn about water sampling from FWP staff in Helena



Cascade Conservation District at the Craig Caddis Festival

